

## Surah 78 Surah Naba

### THE NEWS

#### THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH NABA AND SURAH MURSALAAT

*Surah Mursalaat* makes it clear that Allaah's promises will certainly come to pass. A part of these promises is the bounties that Allaah will shower on the pious people in the *Aakhirah*. The verses of *Surah Naba* mention many bounties that Allaah conferred on man in this very world. At the same time, man must not forget that he also suffers many adversities and difficulties. Allaah mentions these worldly bounties so that man's attention is drawn to the fact that Allaah will also confer bounties to people in the *Aakhirah*. Of course, there will also be many who will have to suffer punishment in the *Aakhirah* as well, just as they have to suffer these in this world as well.

#### A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The first five verses reproach those *Kuffaar* who expressed doubt about the advent of *Qiyaamah*. Allaah says that these people will soon realise how wrong they are. In verses 6 to 16, Allaah recounts the various bounties that he has bestowed on man so that man realises that Allaah can grant him the bounties of the *Aakhirah* as well.

Verses 17 to 30 describe the frightful scene of *Qiyaamah*, beginning with the advent of *Qiyaamah* and ending when people will be cast into *Jahannam*. A description of the bounties to be received by the people of *Jannah* follows in verses 31 to 36.

**“the Rabb of the heavens, the earth and whatever is between them and the Most Compassionate...”** [verse 37]. This verse refers to concept of *Towheed*. It refutes the notion that any being can overrule Allaah's decree. The closing two verses clearly mention that the advent of *Qiyaamah* is certain. Therefore, people should prepare themselves well before it occurs, otherwise they will be filled with regrets only.

سُورَةُ النَّبَاِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ اَرْبَعُوْنَ اَيَاتٍ فِيهَا اَرْبَعُوْنَ اَمْسًا

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

عَمَّ يَتَسَاءَلُوْنَ ﴿١﴾

النَّبَاِ

1. What do they (*who deny Qiyaamah*) ask about?

عَنِ النَّبَاِ الْعَظِيْمِ ﴿٢﴾

2. About the great news (*the coming of Qiyaamah*)...

الَّذِي هُمْ فِيْهِ مُخْتَلِفُوْنَ ﴿٣﴾

3. ...concerning which they differ?

كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿٤﴾

4. Take heed! They will soon come to know (*that it will most certainly take place*).

ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿٥﴾

5. Take heed again! They will soon come to know.

اَلَمْ يَجْعَلِ الْاَرْضَ مِهْدًا ﴿٦﴾

6. Have We not made the earth a bedding (*a place where they may live in comfort*)...

وَالْجِبَالِ اَوْتَادًا ﴿٧﴾

7. ...the mountains pegs (*to lend stability to the earth, having their bulk underground*)...

وَخَلَقْنٰكُمْ اَزْوَاجًا ﴿٨﴾

8. ...and created you in pairs (*so that you may live in peace and comfort with your spouse*)?

وَجَعَلْنَا نَوْمَكُمْ سُبَاتًا ۙ

9. (And have We not) Made your sleep a means of rest...

وَجَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ لِبَاسًا ۙ

10. ...the night a drape (covering the earth in tranquil darkness)...

وَجَعَلْنَا النَّهَارَ مَعَاشًا ۙ

11. ...and the day a means of earning livelihood?

وَبَنَيْنَا فَوْقَكُمْ سَبْعًا شِدَادًا ۙ

12. (And have We not) Made seven powerful skies above you...

وَجَعَلْنَا سِرَاجًا وَهَّاجًا ۙ

13. ...and We placed a bright lamp (the sun in the sky, which provides both heat and light).?

وَأَنزَلْنَا مِنَ الْمُعْصِرَاتِ مَاءً ثَجَّاجًا ۙ

14. And (do we not) send torrential rains from laden clouds...

لِنُخْرِجَ بِهِ حَبًّا وَنَبَاتًا ۙ

15. ...to extract with it seeds (grain), plants...

وَجَنَّاتٍ أَلْفَافًا ۙ

16. ...and dense gardens.? (All these phenomena reveal the great creative powers of Allaah. When He can create all these wonderful things, how can the Kuffaar doubt that He can resurrect creation on the Day of Qiyaamah?)

إِنَّ يَوْمَ الْفَصْلِ كَانَ مِيقَاتًا ۙ

17. Verily the (time for the) Day of Judgement has been fixed (already determined).

يَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ فَتَأْتُونَ أَفْوَاجًا ۝١٨

18. (It will be) The day when the trumpet will be blown and you will come (to the Plain of Reckoning) in large groups (according to beliefs and actions).

وُفِّحَتِ السَّمَاءُ فَكَانَتْ أَبْوَابًا ۝١٩

19. The sky will be opened and will become (like) many doors (for the angels to make their entry).

وُسَيِّرَتِ الْجِبَالُ فَكَانَتْ سَرَابًا ۝٢٠

20. The mountains will be made to fly (about like flakes of wool) and will be (finally) reduced to dust.

إِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ كَانَتْ مِرْصَادًا ۝٢١

21. Indeed Jahannam is a place of ambush (where the angels of punishment are lying in wait to punish the Kuffaar)...

لِلظَّغِينِ مَابًا ۝٢٢

22. ...an abode for the rebellious (the proud and haughty ones).

لَيَبْثِينَ فِيهَا أَحْقَابًا ۝٢٣

23. They will remain there for an extremely long period of time (without their punishment coming to an end).

لَا يَذُوقُونَ فِيهَا بَرْدًا وَلَا شَرَابًا ۝٢٤

24. In Jahannam they will taste neither any coolness nor any drink...

إِلَّا الْحَمِيمَ ۝٢٥

25. ...except boiling water and Ghassaaq (Flowing pus from the wounds of those in Jahannam)...

جَزَاءً وَفَاءً ۝٢٦

26. ...as a befitting punishment (for their kufr and sins).

لَهُمْ كَانُوا لَا يَرْجُونَ حِسَابًا ۝١٧

27. Indeed they never looked forward to reckoning...

وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا كَذَّابًا ۝١٨

28. ...and adamantly rejected Our Aayaat.

وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ كِتَابًا ۝١٩

29. We have meticulously recorded everything in the book (their books of actions). (Therefore they cannot refute anything and will be punished for every sin.)

فَذُوقُوا فَلَنْ نَزِيدَكُمْ إِلَّا عَذَابًا ۝٢٠

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30. (They will be told,) “Now taste (the punishment) ! (Do not plead for respite because) We shall increase you only in punishment.” (Your punishment can only get worse, no better.)

إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ مَفَازًا ۝٢١

31. Those with Taqwa shall certainly have success (attain their objective)...

حَدَائِقَ وَأَعْنَابًا ۝٢٢

32. ...(and will have) Jannaat, (garden) and grapes...(vineyards)

وَكَوَاعِبَ أُنْرَابًا ۝٢٣

33. ...Youthful maidens of equal (the same) age (as their wives)...

وَكَأْسًا دِهَاقًا ۝٢٤

34. ...and brimming glasses (of the most delicious drink).

لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا كِذْبًا ۝٢٥

35. There (in Jannah) they shall hear neither futile (foolish) talk nor lies (any falsehood).

جَزَاءً مِّن رَّبِّكَ عَطَاءٌ حَسَبًا ۝

36. (All this will be) Compensation, conferred (to them) as an ample gift from your Rabb...

رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا الرَّحْمَنُ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِنْهُ خِطَابًا ۝

37. ...Who is the Rabb of the heavens, the earth and whatever is between them and the Most Compassionate, Whom they will be unable to address. (The people of Jahannam will be unable to request Allaah to grant them respite. The people of Jannah will also be unable to ask for more because they will be unable to imagine anything more.)

يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الرُّوحُ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ صَفًّا أَلَّا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ إِلَّا مَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ الرَّحْمَنُ وَقَالَ صَوَابًا ۝

38. (This will occur) On the day when the spirit (Jibra'eel عليه السلام and every living being) and the angels will stand (humbly) in rows, (overawed by Allaah's presence) none of them will be able to speak except the one whom Ar-Rahmaan permits (to speak) and who speaks correctly (what is the truth).

ذَٰلِكَ الْيَوْمُ الْحَقُّ فَمَنْ شَاءَ اتَّخَذْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ مَا بَا ۝

39. That is the Day of Truth. So whoever wills (desires salvation) should adopt a recourse towards his Rabb (by accepting Islaam and diligently fulfilling the injunctions of the Shari'ah).

إِنَّا أَنْذَرْنَاكُمْ عَذَابًا قَرِيبًا يَوْمَ يَنْظُرُ الْمَرْءُ مَا قَدَّمَتْ يَدُهُ وَيَقُولُ الْكَافِرُ لَيْتَنِي كُنْتُ تُرَابًا ۝

40. We have certainly warned you of a near (imminent) punishment; (which will take place on) the day when a man will see what his hands sent ahead (forwarded) and the Kaafir will say, "Oh dear! If only I had been dust (and did not have to face this day)!"